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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the Human Resources for Health Task Team that he appointed to review community service, remunerative work outside the public sector, commuted overtime and rural allowance and the recommendations that were meant to have been made before the end of 2025, (a) what is the status of the task team and (b) on what date will the community service for doctors come to an end?

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REPLY:

The Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) on Review of Human Resources for Health Policies was appointed in April 2025 for a two-year term as per the Government Gazette. Honourable Member is therefore corrected that only the progress report was expected by end of 2025 and not recommendations. The first Progress Report of the MAC was submitted to the Minister of Health on 12 January 2026.

- (a) The Ministerial Advisory Committee is still active and currently interrogating the submissions that have been received from stakeholders following the National Stakeholders Consultation on 14 November 2025. The written submission date was extended from December to January 2026 and the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) is offering technical expertise to the Committee. The MAC had scheduled an extensive engagement with the provinces through the National Human Resources Committee on 11 March 2026.
- (b) According to the terms of reference of the MAC, recommendations on the policy reviews will be tabled at the end of the term of office (April 2027). I will then consult the National Health Council (NHC) on the recommendations and decisions on policy changes will then be resolved at NHC.

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